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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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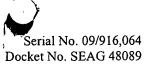
In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

## **REMARKS**

Note that this application was originally filed with two claims numbered 3. A preliminary amendment was filed in which the second claim number 3 was changed to claim number 21. However, it is clear from the Office Action, that the second claim number 3 has apparently been renumbered as claim 4 and original claims 4-20 have been renumbered as claims 5-21. For the purposes of this response, this revised claim numbering has been assumed.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-17, 19 and 20. Within Group I, the Applicants further elect to prosecute claims 1-7 and 13-17, directed to Species A, shown in FIGs. 3-11. These elections are made with traverse.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement. The Office Action states that with respect to the product claims (8, 12, 18 and 21): "the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as using an ion etching process instead of chemical mechanical polishing for the planarization process".



However, each of the product claims specifically requires that the product is made by a process defined by one of the method claims. Since the products as claimed cannot be made by another materially different process, the Applicant respectfully requests that claims 8, 12, 18 and 21 be included in Group I.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in connection with this matter, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite the handling of such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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